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Grassroot Technological Innovation
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken concrete steps to promote and support grassroot technological innovation and traditional knowledge;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the initiatives taken by the Government to protect India's rich traditional knowledge in healthcare?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI.Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): The Government has established National Innovation Foundation (NIF) to scout, document and commercialise grassroot innovations and traditional knowledge. NIF has so far documented more than 2 lakh grassroot level innovations and traditional knowledge. One of the unique features of this programme is that in the event of commercialization the grassroot innovator get his share of benefit. NIF works towards protecting grassroot level innovations in all sectors including healthcare.
